

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB46

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Greason

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: School Readiness Committee; Secretary of Education to establish.

5. Summary: Directs the Secretary of Education to establish a School Readiness Committee of no fewer than 27 members with the primary goal of addressing the development and alignment of an effective professional development and credentialing system for the early childhood education workforce in the Commonwealth, including the (i) development of a competency-based professional development pathway for practitioners who teach children birth to age five in both public and private early childhood education programs; (ii) consideration of articulation agreements between associate and baccalaureate degree programs; (iii) refinement of teacher licensure and education programs to address competencies specific to early childhood development; (iv) alignment of existing professional development funding streams; and (v) development of innovative approaches to increasing accessibility, availability, affordability, and accountability of the Commonwealth's workforce development system for early childhood education teachers and providers.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The primary expense for this committee will relate to member travel and meeting costs. These costs are not anticipated to be significant and should be able to be absorbed through the budgets of the Secretaries of Education and Health and Human Resources, the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and the Departments of Education and Social Services.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretary of Education, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Department of Education, Department of Social Services, higher education institutions, local school divisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None